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SEMPOWSKI et al

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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, in the above, the period for response having been extended up to September 17, 2006, by submission of the required petition herewith.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-12) for prosecution in this application. The election is made with traverse.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species, Applicants elect an antibody. Elected claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-5 and 10-12.

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An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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